

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk stacked upon said first disk, and a powder disposed between said first disk and said second disk, said powder facilitating removal of said first disk from said second disk, and protecting said first disk and said second disk when said second disk is stacked upon said first disk.

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Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The combination recited in claim 1, wherein said first disk and said second disk are each comprised of one of a glass and glass ceramic.

Claim 3 (Original): The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder spaces said first disk from said second disk.

Claim 4 (Original): The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder is comprised of an inorganic material.

Claim 5 (Original): The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is calcium carbonate.

Claim 6 (Original): The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium

magnesium carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

Claim 7 (Original): The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder is a mineral powder.

Claim 8 (Original): The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder has a size of about 200 mesh.

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Claim 9 (Previously Presented): In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk stacked upon said first disk, and a powder disposed between said first disk and said second disk, wherein said first disk is spaced apart from said second disk by only said powder.

Claims 10-20 (Cancelled).

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Claim 21 (New): In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk stacked upon said first disk, and a plurality of fine, loose particles constituting a powder disposed between said first disk and said second disk, said plurality of fine, loose particles facilitating removal of said first disk from said second disk, and protecting said first disk and said second disk when said second disk is stacked upon said first disk.

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Claim 22 (New): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said first disk and said second disk are each comprised of one of a glass and glass ceramic.

Claim 23 (New): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said fine, loose particles space said first disk from said second disk.

Claim 24 (New): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said fine, loose particles are comprised of an inorganic material.

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Claim 25 (New): The combination recited in claim 24, wherein said inorganic material is calcium carbonate.

Claim 26 (New): The combination recited in claim 24, wherein said inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

Claim 27 (New): The combination recited in claim 22, wherein said powder is a mineral powder.

Claim 28 (New): The combination recited in claim 22, wherein said fine, loose particles have a size of about 200 mesh.

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Claim 29 (New): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said first disk is spaced apart from said second disk by only said fine, loose particles.
